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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: CLOSURE APPLIANCE FOR REAGENT CONTAINERS

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. A check for \$730 representing a \$690 filing fee and \$40 for recording the Assignment.
2. Application - 11 pages, including 2 independent claims and 7 claims total.
3. Drawings - 14 sheets of drawings containing 27 figures.
4. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Dade Behring Marburg GmbH.
6. Certified copy of German Application No. 199 17 646.9, filed April 19, 1999.
7. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 3 documents attached.

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8. Preliminary Amendment

9. Request for Approval of Drawing Change and amended
Figures 13 and 14.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on German Application No. 199 17 646.9, filed April 19, 1999.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 13 and 14 in the above-captioned application be amended to include the letter sub-headings as indicated in red on the attached copies of the originally filed drawings.

Upon approval of the proposed changes, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's requirement for revised formal drawings be deferred until after a Notice of Allowance has issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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